

# **The Lebanon Baptist Association**

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**Tenth Annual Session**

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**Lebanon Baptist Association**

*AT*

**Ellisville, Miss.**

**November 2 and 3, 1904**

**OFFICERS:**

O. D. BOWEN,

Moderator

W. K. RED,

Clerk and Treasurer

The next meeting of the Association will be with the Columbia Street Church, Hattiesburg, Miss., on Wednesday before the first Sunday in November, 1905.

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L E LIGHTSEY	Heidelberg, Miss	
W W MITCHELL	Poplaryville, Miss	
R J O'BRYANT	Epps, Miss	13 3
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SISTER LOVIE WILLIAMS	Laurel
SISTER LULA G. BONNER	Estabutchie
SISTER MOLLIE ROBBIN	West Laurel
LORETTA HEIDELBERG	Sandersville
MARY EASTERLING	Perkinston
G. W. CARTER	Indian Springs
WILLIE CARTER	Indian Springs
CLYDE ODEN	Hattiesburg
SISTER ELLA EDWARDS	Hattiesburg
SISTER BELL MONTAGUE	Hattiesburg
SISTER E. L. SISSON	Hattiesburg
SISTER N. C. HILL	Hattiesburg
BRO. WILLIE EVERETT	Hattiesburg
BRO. A. E. ARLEDGE	Hattiesburg
BRO. RAYMON CONNER	Hattiesburg
SISTER D. A. GATLIN	Laurel
SISTER S. E. DENHAM	Laurel
SISTER IDA PRYOR	Laurel
SISTER D. O. GORDON	Laurel
SISTER MARY BROOM	Laurel
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## CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. The name of this Association shall be the LEB-  
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ART 2. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, and a Clerk who shall also be ex-officio Treasurer. They shall be elected annually by ballot and hold their offices until their successors are elected.

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ART 3 The object of this Association shall be the promotion of the Redeemer's kingdom by the concentration of Christian labor, inculcation of Bible truth, and the cultivation of friendly intercourse among the churches

ART 4 Members of the Association may be of two classes, viz: Male delegates and messengers, who shall produce evidence of their appointment by the churches which they propose to represent, before being entitled to seats. Only the delegates shall have the right to vote.

ART 5 Each church belonging to the Association shall be entitled to two delegates until its membership shall exceed fifty, and one additional delegate for each additional fifty or fractional part thereof; provided, that ministers who are members of such churches, but supply other pulpits, may be appointed as additional delegates to the regular quota.

ART 6 This Association shall only have the power of an advisory council and shall in no wise infringe upon the rights or independence of the churches

ART 7 No queries shall be considered by the Association unless regularly sent up through the churches, and such queries shall embrace only questions of doctrine

ART 8 The Association shall meet annually as may be agreed upon, and after enrolling the names of the delegates, proceed by ballot to the election of a Moderator, and a Clerk who shall be ex-officio Treasurer of the Association.

**ART. 9 The duties of the various officers of the Association**

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shall be similar to those of all deliberative bodies, and Mell's Parliamentary Manual shall be the basis of all decisions of order

ART 10 Churches holding the Articles of Faith adopted by this body, may become members of this Association by a unanimous vote, and letters of dismission may be obtained without assigning a reason therefor, by the concurrence of a majority present, while the Association retains the right of withdrawing from such churches as it shall deem heterodox or disorderly

ART 11 This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a three-fourths vote of the delegates present

#### ARTICLES OF FAITH

1 We believe in one God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost—equal in power and Glory

2 We believe that the scriptures of the Old Testament and the the New were written by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice

3 We believe in the doctrine of original sin, of total depravity, and man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God

4 We believe that God chose his people, in Christ, before the foundation of the world, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time

5 We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ

6 We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth; and as he has commanded it to be preached to every creature, all are required to obey

7 We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and the only evidence of justification; and that all believers will abound therein from a principle of love

8 We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the just and the unjust, and the general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal

9 We believe that a visible church of Christ is composed of baptized believers only, who have covenanted to keep up a discipline agreeable to the rules of the New Testament Scriptures

10 We believe that Jesus Christ is the only lawgiver of his

church and that the government is with the church, each member have equal rights therein

11 We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the only ordinances of the church, and are to be continued until the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

12 We believe that immersion only is Baptism, and can be administered only by those duly authorized by the church, and that only believers in Christ are the proper subjects of the ordinance

13. We believe that regularly Baptized believers only have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper

14 We believe that the churches compose Christ's visible kingdom on the earth, and they are independent of each other; choosing their own bishops, and other executive officers, none of whom may lord it over God's heritage.

## RULES OF DECORUM

- 1 All meetings of the Association shall be opened with prayer and close with prayer or benediction
- 2 The first order of business shall be the calling of the roll of the churches comprising the same and the enrollment of delegates representing them
- 3 No delegates can be enrolled until they furnish evidence in writing from the church which they propose to represent, which evidence shall be submitted to the Clerk
- 4 No business shall be discussed by the body unless it shall have been brought up before it by a motion sustained by a second
- 5 No member shall be allowed to speak but once on the same subject, except by permission
- 6 The Moderator may correct any speaker for misquotation, personal reflection, or indiscreet language
- 7 Any member feeling himself aggrieved by the ruling of the Moderator may appeal to the Association, when, if it be sustained by a two-thirds vote, the Moderator's ruling shall be reversed
- 8 All members shall use the term "Brother," when addressing or speaking of each other; and any one failing to observe this rule subjects himself to a reprimand by the Moderator
- 9 Any or all of the rules may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds majority vote.

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## PROCEEDINGS.

## First Day.

## EVENING SESSION.

ELLISVILLE, Miss., Nov. 2, 1904.

The Lebanon Association met this day in the Ellisville Baptist Church, and at 1 P. M. was called to order by the Moderator O. D. Bowen. The Clerk not being present, by motion W. K. Red was elected Clerk pro tem. Bro. M. J. Derrick of Hattiesburg, conducted the devotional exercises, after reading the 63 Psalm, brethren Low and Trotter led in prayer. Brethren W. I. Thames and J. E. Byrd were appointed reading clerks, and B. M. Morgan, W. J. Pack and W. P. Smith were made a committee on finance. The delegates were late arriving on account of the schedules of the trains. The enrollment showed the following churches represented by delegates and messengers:

Big Level—Malone Breland.

Brooklyn—By letter.

Corinth—B. M. Morgan.

Ellisville—T. J. Hardy, L. W. Ruffin, J. F. Parker, S. S. Turner,  
S. D. B. —

J. H. Bynum, Jesse Bush, Cleveland Bush, O. D. Bowen.

Epps—R. J. O'Bryant.

**Eastabutchie**—By letter.

Fairfield—D. O. Watkins.

First Church—Hattiesburg, I. P. Trotter, A. Polk, W. P. Smith.

First Quarter.

Heidelberg = L. E. Lightsey.

Indian Springs—Wilby Bullock.

Indian Springs — W. L. Abbot, D. S. Ingraham

Lumberton—J. P. Culpepper, J. B. Sal

Limberton — J. F. Campbell  
Oxenbury — S. L. Bates, A.

OFVISBURG—S. E. Bates, M.  
Burkinstown—G. C. Breland.

**Perrinton**—C. C. Breckinridge,  
Parvis, J. B. Parvis, T. W. Davis,

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Poplarville—W. I. Thamas.

Sandersville—J. D. Bodie, W. W. Bostick.

Slidell—By letter.

Soso—Joe Duckworth.

Shady Grove—J. C. Lyon, J. W. Chatham.

Saucier—By letter.

Wiggins—R. W. Hall, Theo. G. Bilbo, T. D. Davis, W. B. Holeomb.

Zion Hill—W. J. Pack, C. W. Bradford

Fairfield wishing to remain with us, returned the letter of dismission which was granted last year.

The enrollment over, a motion was made by I. P. Trotter to call for petitionary letters. West Laurel, Columbia Street (Hattiesburg) and Sardis Churches presented petitionary letters and were received.

West Laurel—G. W. Barlow, W. J. Mullican, J. E. Phillips.

Columbia Street (Hattiesburg)—M. J. Derrick, W. K. Red.

Sardis—J. T. Pearce

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

A motion was then made by W. M. Conner for W. K. Red to cast the vote for the entire body for the re-election of the present Moderator O. D. Bowen. Also that I. P. Trotter cast the vote for the entire body for W. K. Red as Clerk and Treasurer.

After an appreciative talk by Bro. Bowen in which he stated that this would be the last time that he could be with the Lebanon Association as a member of it.

A motion was made by I. P. Trotter to appoint J. L. Low, W. B. Halcomb and R. J. O'Bryant to write a report on resolutions of appreciation, relative to Bro. Bowen's long and arduous labors in our midst as our Moderator and co-worker.

A motion was then made by M. J. Derrick to appoint the pastor and deacons of the Ellisville church to fix the hours for meeting.

By motion the moderator was instructed to appoint the various committees.

Visiting brethren were then invited to take part in the work of the body and the following names enrolled: A. V. Rowe, Cor. Sec'y of the State Board, O. M. Lucas of THE BAPTIST and J. E. Byrd, S. Missionary for the State.

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A motion was then made to drop McHenry Church from the roll as it has united with Gulf Coast Association.

The Treasurer's report for last year was then read and received.

B. C. COX—TREASURER

1903 To the Lebanon Baptist Association, Dr.

Sept. 3—To cash received from the finance committee and special collections by the Association and by balance last year

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Total

Accounts paid out	
Chk. To J. R. Carter	\$ 7 61
" " W. R. Butler	20 00
" " R. B. Stapleton	5 00
" " Printing to Biloxi Herald	37 00
" " Clerk	25 00
" " Bro. Rowe for Missions	54 71
" " Stamps for mailing—minutes and Associational letters	5 75
" " Stationery	25
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Balance Due Treas.

Report of Executive Committee as to money received for sending the Associational delegates to the L. B. Convention.

Poplarville	\$1 50
Epps	50
Ellisville	2 00
McHenry	1 00
Brooklyn	1 00
Soso	50
Vernon	50
Shady Grove	1 00
Cornith	55
Big Level	1 00
Wiggins	1 00
Laurel	2 50
Hattiesburg	5 00
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A motion was then made by J. L. Low for the Clerk to forward to the former Clerk the balance of the 90 cts. due him.

A motion was then made by W. M. Conner to grant a letter of dismission to Saucier as they request.

A motion was then made by J. P. Culpepper, that the Moderator be instructed and is hereby empowered to appoint at this session the chairman of each committee to prepare a report on the subject assigned him to be read at the next session of this body. Also that these appointments be made annually.

A motion was made by J. L. Low to appoint a committee of 3 on digest of letters from year to year to take the place of reading letters as formerly practiced. W. B. Holeomb then made a motion to set 10 a. m. Nov 3 for the report on missions.

The Moderator then appointed the chairman of the various committees to report at this session. A motion was then made by I. P. Trotter to reappoint Sister R. B. Stapleton as Vice President of Woman's Work in the bounds of our Association and that \$5.00 be allowed the Vice President of Woman's Work to cover the expenses of said work.

The report on time of meeting was then presented by T. J. Hardy, and was adopted. The time of meeting was fixed as follows: Meet at 9 a. m., adjourn at 12 m., meet 1:30 p. m., adjourn at 5 p. m., meet at 7 p. m., adjourn at pleasure. A motion was then made to adjourn till 7 p. m.

At 7 p. m., the association was called to order by the Moderator and after song and prayer service, the Associational sermon was preached by J. P. Culpepper, of Lumberton, text Luke 14:23, after which the association adjourned with benediction by the Moderator.

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## Second Day.

### MORNING SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Bro. J. E. Phillips conducted the devotional exercises after singing "Rock of Ages," and reading the 23 Psalm, all were led in prayer by brethren R J O'Bryant and J E Byrd.

Minutes of the first day's proceedings were read and approved.

The Moderator then announced the following committees:

Missions—I. P. Trotter, J. C. Lyon, D. S. Ingram and T. W.

Davis

Sunday Schools—J. E. Phillips, A. Polk and S. L. Bates

State of Churches—T. G. Bilbo, J. F. Parker, C. C. Breeland and L. W. Bufkin

Orphan's Home—J. P. Culpepper, B. M. Morgan, Malone Breeland and G. W. Barlow

Temperance—W. I. Thames, J. D. Bodie, J. D. Davis and J. H. Bynum

Non-injunction—W B Holcomb, T J Hardy, J P Purvis and J. T. Pearce

Sustentation—R J O'Bryant, W P Smith, J W Chatham and J. M. Bush

Education—J L Low, W L Abbott, Willie Bullock and Cleveland Bush

Woman's Work—M J Derrick, J W Chatham, H Mayfield and A A Davis

Publications—W M Conner, Joe Duckworth, C W Bradford and W I Mullican

The Moderator then announced that Sister R B Stapleton, of Hattiesburg, had tendered her resignation as Vice President of Woman's Work in this Association. By motion her resignation was received

A motion was then made by M J Derrick to appoint Sister E V Clark, of Ellisville, as Vice President of Woman's Work in the Lebanon Association

The report on Publications was then presented by W M Conner for the committee, and after a discussion by brethren W M Conner and O M Lucas, it was adopted

#### REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

We, your committee on publications beg leave to submit the following: We take it for granted that every Christian home is or should be supplied with some good religious publication, this is one thing about which all Christians agree. We recognize the fact that there are many good newspapers, Journals and Periodicals, that commend themselves to our favorable consideration, yet inasmuch as we cannot read them all, it is necessary that we should make selections from among them, taking those best suited to our various environments, and through the reading of which we may as the days and years go by, become more and more efficient in the master's work. Without disparaging the claims, or minimizing the relative value of any of our many religious publications, we feel we will be pardoned when we particularize a few of those as the ones we deem most indispensable to our religious growth, and usefulness in our immediate section, and of course at the very head of this list we would naturally place "The Baptist" our state paper, published at Jackson, and edited by our beloved brethren Bailey and Sproles, this most valuable paper should make its weekly visit to every home in the bounds of this Association, for two reasons: First, Because of the good that would naturally come to these homes, through these weekly visitations. Second, Because the paper needs the assistance that would come to it through our patronage. As the State Paper of every denomination reflects in a very large measure, the character of the denomination it represents, we should be jealous of our State paper, and strive to make it equal to the very best Denominational Papers published, this can be done if we will but give it that support its real worth merits. We also recommend to your favorable consideration our "Orphanage Gem" published by Brother J. R. Carter, at Jackson, Miss., Foreign Journal and Home Field, also The Mississippi Baptist, published at Newton, Miss. It is universally conceded that the press in general, yields a great influence for good or evil, then as

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Christian men and women let us strive to encourage the good and labor to counteract the evil. By all means let Christian people everywhere, shun "Yellow Back Novels," and trashy Literature of every kind, as these are poisonous to our religious growth.

as these are poison.  
Respectfully Submitted,  
W. M. CONNER,  
JOE DUCKWORTH,  
C. W. BRADFORD

The report on Resolutions was read by J. L. Low, and adopted.

## RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, Our beloved Moderator, Rev. O. D. Bowen, is soon to remove from us to labor in the Gulf Coast Association, and

Whereas, He has labored so long and so faithfully in  
ciation,

Resolved—First, That his spotless integrity bears witness to the power of the Christlike life he has lived among us.

Second, That we know him to be a man of God, wise in counsel, safe in leadership, exemplifying in a large degree the spirit of the Selfless One, who said, "I come not to be ministered unto but to minister."

Third, That we recognize in him one of the potent influences which has brought our Association from a seemingly insignificant beginning to rank second among her sister Associations in our state.

Fourth, That we feel most keenly the loss we shall sustain by his going from us, and congratulate the Gulf Coast Association in advance on receiving so valuable a laborer into its ranks.

Fifth, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, and one be sent to the Baptist for publication.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. L. LOW,  
R. J. O'BRYANT,  
W. B. HOLCOMB.

The report on Missions was read by I. P. Trotter, and after a discussion by brethren I. P. Trotter, W. K. Red, M. J. Derrick and A. V. Rowe, it was amended and adopted.

## MISSIONS.

MISSIONS.

We propose to take God's work as our, only rule of faith and practice. And yet, large numbers of our people do not seek the

guidance of the Bible with regard to Missions. In this matter, we fall short of being good Baptists. A good Baptist will believe what God's word teaches and do what the Lord directs, not only as to baptism but also as to sending the Gospel everywhere. No man can be a good Baptist who rejects, or ignores or neglects God's command for extending His kingdom over the earth. If, as Baptists and christians, we are here for any purpose, it is to do God's will. So we can be neither good Baptists nor good christians unless we endeavor to carry out God's will in our lives. The supreme end of our existence here, according to the Bible, is missionary in its character, the carrying of the gospel to our family, our neighbors and everywhere. "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." We need to ask how far we have been trying to carry out the will of the Master in this matter. Have we done our duty as churches and as members of the churches in missionary enterprises? It is very encouraging to know that we have made an advance of 33 per cent in our contribution to missions the last associational year. Nearly every church has given something for missions. Your committee are of opinion that our churches should put greater stress on State Missions than has been done heretofore. We gave less this past year for this purpose than for Foreign Missions. We believe that our most liberal contributions should be to our State Mission work. We recommend that the churches of this association try to raise \$5000 for missions during the coming year. Also that the committee on apportionment be appointed to apportion this amount, and that each church be requested to try to raise its apportionment.

I. P. TROTTER,  
T. W. DAVIS,  
J. C. LYON,  
D. S. INGRAM

The report on Education was then presented by W. S. Abbot, and after a discussion by brethren W. S. Abbot, T. W. Davis, W. I. Thames, A. V. Rowe and J. L. Low, it was adopted.

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Next to leading souls to Christ, the proper training of the young for christian living is the most important work of the church

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The agencies for giving this training are the Christian home, the Sunday School, Christian Schools, and Christian Literature.

The report deals with education as furnished by christian schools. In every department of human endeavor, the trained mind and the skilled hands are required. God's workmen should be equally well prepared, that the advancement of the Lord's work may keep pace with the material advancement of the world. We must have trained workers in constantly increasing numbers. We need them in the pulpit, and we need them in the Sunday School, the prayer meeting, the B. Y. P. U., the Missionary Society, and in every other enterprise of the church. We must look to our denominational schools mostly for such workers. We mention first the Seminary at Louisville, the greatest training school for our ministers. We should give this school our full and hearty support, and do our part in supplying its every need, and we should willingly assist our ministers who need and desire to go there. We regret to see so many of our churches failing to report anything for this cause. We may all feel proud of our college for young men at Clinton. It seems to be in a flourishing condition, but to meet the needs of our people and accomplish what it ought to, its equipment must be enlarged and its endowment greatly increased. We should enter into an aggressive campaign for this school, and not let up until it is fully officered and equipped for every need and liberally endowed.

Our convention does not own or control any school for young women; but Hillman College at Clinton, and Blue Mountain College are owned and operated by Baptist brethren, and are doing a noble work for our girls. We heartily commend them to your favor. Our churches in this state seem only to have begun work in the cause of Christian education; and to those much interested the apathy of the churches towards this cause is to be regretted. We feel that our denomination should attempt greater things in this line; and enter the fields of female and secondary education. In this connection we would commend, as worthy of your study, the Mercer System of Ga., and the Ouachita Central System of Ark. We trust that you will take greater interest in this

We hope that our churches will take greater interest in this cause, and that greater advances will be made in the near future.  
Respectfully submitted,  
CLEVELAND BUSH,  
WILLIE BULLOCK,  
W. G. BROOKS.

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The Moderator then appointed I. P. Trotter and J. P. Culpepper as a committee on apportionment. The Association then adjourned for dinner.

### SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Association was called to order at 1:30 p. m. After singing "Stand up-for Jesus," all were led in prayer by J. E. Phillips.

The Moderator then appointed the chairmen of the various committees to prepare their reports for the session of 1905.

### CHAIRMEN ON REPORTS.

The Moderator appointed the following brethren as chairmen of the several committees who will prepare and read reports at next meeting of the Association:

Sustentation—J. E. Lightsey  
Education—W. I. Thanis  
Woman's Work—W. B. Holcomb  
Sunday Schools—J. C. Ballard  
State of Churches—J. E. Phillips  
Orphans' Home—M. J. Derrick  
Missions—J. L. Low  
Temperance—J. P. Culpepper  
Publications—I. P. Trotter

The report on Sunday Schools was then presented by J. E. Phillips, and after a discussion by brethren J. E. Byrd and W. K. Red, an amendment was offered by I. P. Trotter. It was then adopted as amended.

### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee noted that most churches of the Association reporting have Sunday Schools. All should have and are hereby urged to brook no further delay in the matter. It is gratifying to note that at least two-thirds of the baptism reported are out of the Sunday Schools. General statistics show that about three-fourths of all conversions among Baptists in this country come through the Sunday Schools. How diligent then ought every church to be in prosecuting this work.

Our Sunday School Board at Nashville is a great agency in

furthering this work by sending out suitable literature, and also through her field secretaries whom she supports and who give their entire time organizing schools and to building up the work generally. This Board has also instituted a yearly course of lectures at the Seminary at Louisville, each bearing on some phase of Sunday School work and delivered by such men as Dr. Wm. E. Hatcher and others. These lectures coming from such, could hardly fall short of great value to the work in that they are given directly to our coming pastors in the Seminary, and are then put in book form for the reading public.

Our own convention also has a Sunday School Secretary in the field, whose labors are resulting in the great enlargement of the work in our State, so we have quite an encouraging outlook in this great work such as we have never had in the past, and our churches one and all, should fall in line and aid in lifting the standard of work so signally blessed of God. We recommend that a Sunday School Institute be held during the year in our Association. Also that Executive Committee in connection with the State Sunday School Secretary be instructed to arrange the time, place and programme for said Institute.

J. E. PHILLIPS,  
A. POLK,  
S. L. BATES.

The report was then presented by J. P. Culpepper on the Orphanage, and after the discussion it was adopted.

#### REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage located at Jackson, Miss., was opened May 12, 1897. The Orphanage has grown in favor with the people since its beginning. The purpose of the Orphanage is to care for and train destitute and homeless children. We have now 83 children in the Orphanage. Supt. J. R. Carter seems to be God's man for the place. The recent fire which destroyed the Supt. home was a great loss to us. A new building is now going up that will cost \$8,000.00 or \$10,000.00. We need to come to help our Orphanage at this time. These children look to us for help, shall they look in vain? We, your committee would recommend to all our churches to make a special Thanksgiving offering to the Orphanage. Also the Sunday School Superintendents interest the children in the

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Orphanage. God says, "pure and undefiled religion is to assist the widow and Orphans." Let us care for them—they are looking to us. Respectfully,

J. P. CULPEPPER,  
E. M. MORGAN,  
MALONE FREELAND.

The report on Sustentation was presented by R. J. O'Bryant for the committee and after a discussion by brethren R. J. O'Bryant A. V. Rowe and others, it was adopted.

## REPORT ON SUSTENTATION

We, your committee on Sustentation, beg leave to report as follows: Our Lord while on earth visited the poor and we recommend to the brethren to look after the poor in their bounds and especially the worn out ministers who have given their lives to the great work of the Gospel, and for the salvation of souls. Let us endeavor to make their last their happiest. Respectfully submitted,

R. J. O'BRYANT,  
M. P. SMITH,  
J. W. CHATHAM,  
J. M. BUSH.

A collection of \$12.75 was then taken for the aged ministers and their families. A motion was then made by J. L. Low to turn over the above collection to A. V. Rowe to give to the aged ministers in the State.

The report on Temperance was then presented by W. I. Thames for the committee, and after a discussion by brethren W. I. Thames W. M. Conner, Theo G. Bilbo, it was adopted.

## REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Notwithstanding the fact that the temperance question has been discussed all these years, it is still a living issue, and will be as long as there are those who contend for the right, and, on the other hand, those who are willing to sacrifice the souls of men to the God of Mammon.

We are almost constantly reminded of the baneful influence of liquor as it exerts its power in our elections, in our courts and even

in our halls of legislation, both state and national. We deplore the fact that it was able in our last legislature to defeat remedial measures demanded by an overwhelming majority of the people of Mississippi. And yet why should we be disappointed in the action of our legislatures, and in the lax enforcement of our laws when members of our churches assist in electing to office men of known whiskey tendencies, or men who have no firm conviction of right on any subject? As a Christian state and nation and as Christian communities we can have what we want in the line of regulating or preventing the sale of intoxicants; and any community in this country that submits to open saloons or blind tigers confesses that it is in league with the nefarious traffic.

We affirm our allegiance to the prohibition cause, state and national, and pledge our efforts to securing any legislation looking to the absolute prohibition of the sale of intoxicants within our borders; and we urge our people to support for office no man who is not an outspoken prohibitionist. We believe that many of our churches are too lax in enforcing their discipline, to secure total abstinence in the personnel of their membership, and that "touch not, taste not, handle not" is the proper standard for the members of Christ's Kingdom. Respectfully submitted,

W. I. THAMES,  
J. D. BODIE,  
J. H. BYNUM,  
T. D. DAVIS.

The report on Woman's Work was then presented by M. J. Derrick and discussed by him; it was then adopted.

#### REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

With our Lord the feminine gender does not bar from service, but all are called into his service. The only thing is adaptability. We find him constantly receiving service at the hands of his female disciples. We are told in the eighth chapter of Luke, that as "he went through every city and village preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God; and the twelve were with him" that along with these there were "certain women which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities." Our Savior names a few and then says "and many others." These noble women of God, the record tells us, "ministered unto him of their substance.

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Woman was made equal with man and to be his helper in every good work. By their faithful devoted service we receive encouragement, and often their timely aid prevents our plans from falling through. Instance the faithful service of Lydia in aiding Paul and Silas in their work at Philippi. True Godly women are the most self sacrificing servants our Lord has. When the strong men thought of the worth of the ointment, Mary's heart was so overflowing with love for her Lord that she did not think of its worth in money but poured it upon him. They are almost proverbially foremost in every good word and work. Women stood by their Lord to the last when he was crucified, and were first at his resurrection. They have always been ready to take hold and do whatever their Lord wanted them to do.

Your committee acknowledges with grateful hearts the work our noble women are doing in our State for the spread of our Redeemer's kingdom. They assist every worthy and noble cause. Their contributions during last convention year aggregated \$1,717.39. For full information we refer you to the report of Central Committee in Convention minutes P. 62. We recommend that the churches in our Association assist and encourage our sisters in their work; that the pastor preach on Woman's Work, and give it all the encouragement possible; that every church that has not a Woman's Society, organize one. If you need information apply to our Sister E. V. Clark, of Ellisville, Vice President for this Association. Signed by the Committee,

M. J. DERRICK,  
A. A. DAVIS,  
J. W. CHATHAM.

The report on State of Churches was then presented by Theo. G. Bilbo and discussed by him. It was then adopted.

### STATE OF CHURCHES.

By a comparison of the statistical reports of the churches for this and last year, it is gratifying to note the phenomenal growth and increase of the work accomplished in every phase of our Master's cause. This has indeed been a record breaking year. Many of our churches have made great strides in showing their faith in and love and devotion to God's cause by an increased interest in the study and dissemination of the truth through the medium of

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the Sunday School, in an increase of about \$1000 in their contributions, and in the winning of nearly 400 souls for Christ. The spirit of sacrifice and consecration is evident in the report from every church. For this—God be praised!

But while we rejoice in our success, we must not forget that the work for the churches of this association has only begun. This is a day of opportunities for the Baptist people of Southeast Mississippi! With the manifold blessings showered upon us together with the great tidal wave of prosperity sweeping over our country, there comes a great work and many responsibilities. Our country is rapidly undergoing a marvelous development along many lines. The educational cause is receiving a great impetus in our midst, millions of dollars are being invested in our section, thousands of strangers from other states are making their homes with us. So we must be on the alert. The Baptists of Southeast Mississippi must become masters of the situation. We must direct these great movements and consecrate them to the cause of our Lord and Master. We must encourage, faster, and keep pure the education of our boys and girls; we must consecrate these many millions of dollars that are being poured into our country to the cause of the Master, and these thousands of new neighbors must be brought into the ranks and lined up for the service of the King.

As the life, work and influence of any organization is dependent and characterized by the spirit and efforts of the individual membership of the body, we recommend and make an earnest appeal to each and every Baptist in our ranks to work and pray as they never did before. For the God of opportunity is loudly knocking at our very doors. The King's business demands haste. We shall succeed for the truth will triumph and every effort born of prayer God will make succeed.

THEO G. PILBO,  
J. F. PARKER,  
C. C. BRELAND,  
L. W. RUFFIN.

The report on Apportionment was then presented and adopted.

## REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

	Total	State	F. M.	H. M.
Big Level .....	\$ 40 00	\$ 20 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 10 00
Brooklyn .....	16 00	8 00	4 00	4 00
Bond .....	150 00	75 00	37 50	37 50

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	Total	State	F. M.	H. M.
Corinth	20 00	10 00	5 00	5 00
Ellisville	250 00	100 00	75 00	75 00
Epps	20 00	10 00	5 00	5 00
Eastabutchie	30 00	15 00	7 50	7 50
Fairfield	20 00	10 00	5 00	5 00
Hattiesburg 1st Ch	1500 00	500 00	600 00	400 00
Heidelberg	30 00	10 00	10 00	10 00
Indian Springs	40 00	20 00	10 00	10 00
Laurel 1st Ch	500 00	250 00	125 00	125 00
Laural West End	150 00			
Columbia St Ch	125 00			
Lacy	15 00	7 50	3 75	3 75
Lumberton	200 00	100 00	50 00	50 00
Nicholson	10 00	5 00	2 50	2 50
Orvisburg	25 00	10 00	10 00	5 00
Perkinston	50 00	25 00	12 50	12 50
Purvis	150 00	60 00	45 00	45 00
Poplarville	250 00	100 00	100 00	50 00
Phaltai	10 00	5 00	2 50	2 50
Sandersville	50 00	25 00	12 50	12 50
Slidell	150 00	75 00	37 50	37 50
So So	20 00	10 00	5 00	5 00
Shady Grove	10 00	5 00	2 50	5 50
Vernon	20 00	10 00	5 00	5 00
Wiggins	200 00			
Zion Hill	60 00	30 00	15 00	15 00
Sardis	15 00	5 00	5 00	5 00

The report on Finance was then presented by W. J. Pack, and adopted.

## REPORT ON FINANCE.

Home Missions	\$ 18 30
State Missions	28 40
Foreign Missions	25 80
Orphanage	3 40
Publishing Minutes	83 15
Total Amount Received	\$159 05

B. M. MORGAN,  
W. J. PACK,  
W. P. SMITH.

The report on Nominations was then presented and adopted.

#### REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

The committee on Nominations beg leave to make the following report: That the next session of this Association be held with Columbia Street Baptist Church, at Hattiesburg, Wednesday before the 1st Sunday in November, 1905, at 11 o'clock a. m., and that Bro. J. L. Low preach the Associational sermon, and J. E. Phillips his alternate. We recommend Bro. M. J. Derrick as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention and J. P. Culpepper his alternate. As delegates to the Baptist State Convention, J. L. Low, I. P. Trotter, W. K. Red, J. P. Culpepper, H. C. Taylor, J. L. Ruffin, J. S. Love, and E. E. Holcomb. Respectfully Submitted,

W. B. HOLCOMB,

T. J. HARDY,

J. B. PURVIS.

The following resolutions, offered W. M. Conner, were adopted.

Resolved, 1st. That we return thanks to this church and pastor and community for the generous hospitality shown to the delegates and messengers of this Association.

2nd. That the Clerk be instructed to have the minutes printed and distributed, and that he be allowed \$25.00 for his services.

Bro. J. L. Low offered a fervent prayer and then the Tenth session of the Association adjourned to meet with the Columbia Street Church, at Hattiesburg on Wednesday at 11 a. m., before the 1st Sunday in November, 1905.

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## Statistical Table No. I.

CHURCHES	CLERKS	POSTOFFICE	PASTORS	Value of Pastors' Homes			
				Value of Church Property	Total Membership	Lost	Added
Big Level	Malone Breland	Wisdom	H. C. Taylor	Wiggins	8	2	8
Brooklyn	L. Harper	Brooklyn	H. J. O'Bryant	Epps	5	1	2
Bond	Russell Bond	Bond	J. P. Culp	Lumberton	5	1	2
Corinth	Ira. M. Culp	Sandersville	J. T. Hailford	Montrose	7	3	3
Columbia Street	J. B. Coursey	Hattiesburg	M. J. Derrick	Hattiesburg	3	4	4
Eastabutchie	H. H. McComb	Eastabutchie	W. B. Holcomb	Wiggins	61	4	58
Ellisville	J. B. Gough	Ellisville	O. D. Bowen	Ellisville	8	8	63
Epps	R. M. Spencer	Epps	R. J. O'Bryant	Epps	11	8	25
Fairfield	J. C. Watkins	Crosby	E. E. Williams	Giliano	4	4	3
Hattiesburg, 1st	E. N. Pack	Hattiesburg	J. P. Trotter	Hattiesburg	1	5	1
Hattiesburg	J. R. Baucum	Heidelberg	L. E. Lightsay	Heidelberg	75	7	86
Indian Springs	F. T. Barnett	Goodluck	R. N. Davis	Wiggins	10	7	8
Laurel, 1st	W. J. Burst	Laurel	J. L. Low	Laurel	6	7	11
Lacy		Lacy			36	62	130
Lumberton	J. B. Salmond	Lumberton	J. P. Chippeper	Lumberton	5	20	17
Nicholson	J. W. Bounds	Nicholson	W. K. Red	Hattiesburg	4	2	8
Orvisburg	J. E. Forehand	Perkins	R. N. Davis	Wiggins	8	1	10
Perkins	J. E. Forehand	Perkins	W. K. Red	Hattiesburg	47	11	1
Poplarville	T. W. Davis	Poplarville	J. T. Date	Poplarville	24	14	15
Phaltai	W. L. Thamnes						
Sandersville	A. McDaniel	Sandersville	O. D. Bowen	Ellisville	8	8	8
Sardis	J. T. Pearce	Mahned	T. E. H. Robison	Seminary	17	7	2
Slidell	H. L. Moore	Slidell, La.	O. D. Bowen	Ellisville	27	4	2
So. So.	J. W. Knight	So So	L. D. Bassett	Loumoss	2	2	1
Shady Grove	J. A. Lyon	Heidelberg	L. E. Hall	Seranton	17	7	2
Verdon	B. F. Hosey	Vernon	T. J. Wadrup	Yrue	27	4	2
West Laurel	M. C. Martin	Laurel	J. E. Phillips	Laurel	49	1	6
Wiggins	E. R. Davis	Wiggins	W. B. Holcomb	Wiggins	50	40	11
Zion Hill	H. E. Clark	Hattiesburg	W. B. Holcomb	Wiggins	14	1	5
Saucier	R. L. Stewart	Saucier	L. E. Hall	Seranton	6	13	2
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Statistical Table No. 2.

CHURCHES	Total			
	Miscellaneous	Building and Repairing	Associational Purposes	Relief of Poor
Big Level	\$ 100.00	\$ 6.50	\$ 10.00	\$ 2.76
Brooklyn	75.00	5.20	3.90	3.45
Corinth	85.00	5.00	6.10	18.00
Columbia Street	30.70	10.09	25.00	69.50
Eastabatchie	200.00	9.44	5.00	38.65
Ellisville	700.00	50.00	100.00	125.12 50.130.00
Epps	106.85	14.60	2.50	10.25 3.40
Fairfield			1.95	123.86
Hattiesburg, 1st	1500.00	207.88	509.15	682.67 57.16 306.78 64.21 178.40
Heidelberg	60.00			85.50
Indian Springs	150.00	382.60	108.50	4.50 25.00 299.88 41.30 111.25
Laurel, 1st.	1400.00		101.26	75.00 10.00 100.00
Lumberton	475.00	90.00	3.40	3.35 30.00
Orvisburg	75.00			5.00 38.25 30.00
Perkinston	40.00			3.05 10.50 104.00 21.50 17.30
Purvis	300.00	16.00	25.00	35.00 32.00 52.00 32.50 18.00
Poplarville	600.00	25.00	7.00	40.00 40.00
Sandersville	233.00	10.50	26.00	35.35 30.00
Sardis	32.00			
Slidell	336.00	55.45	34.50	53.00 12.50 50.00
So. So.	75.00		15.00	14.00 7.15 10.50
Saucier	75.00	10.00	6.00	2.50 29.00 39.85
Shady Grove	200.00	3.00	15.50	27.00 29.00 50.58
Vernon				
West Laurel	300.00	53.45	19.50	6.45 18.00 155.00
Wiggins	500.00	11.25	15.00	8.00 30.00 14.66 62.64
Zion's Hill	118.50	7.90	8.30	8.00 12.00
Total	\$7912.35	\$830.73	\$1113.44	\$1215.52 \$140.16 \$1532.194.51 \$707.70
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## Ladies' Mission Societies.

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS	SECRETARIES	SUPERIN- TENDENTS	SECRETARIES	POSTOFFICE	Expenses
Big Level			A. M. Shepard	Emma Breland	Wisdom	\$ 4
Brooklyn	Mrs. Cornelia Beard	Mrs. Derrick	Chas. Feilmingann	H. W. Denham	Brooklyn	2 76
Columbia Street			J. C. Battard	Rubie Arledge	Hattiesburg	3 27
Eastabutchie	Mrs. E. V. Clark	Mrs. T. J. Hardy	J. A. Short	Mattie Dossett	Eastabutchie	14 32
Ellisville			G. Montgomery	J. B. Grough	Ellisville	6
Hattiesburg, 1st	Mrs. O. J. Bowen		D. O. Watkins	John Patrick	Crosby	10 8
Indian Springs	Mrs. J. L. Low		W. M. Conner	J. W. Montague	Hattiesburg	64 90
Laurel, 1st	Mrs. J. T. McDowell	Mrs. Carrie Salmon	Willie Bullock	Addie Williams	Hattiesburg	3 5
Lumberton			T. E. Waldrop	J. L. Williams	Ferguson	24 38
Orvisburg	Mrs. L. L. Polk	Mrs. G. J. Pyland	J. S. Love	Walter Morris	Laurel	25 3
Poplarville	Mrs. S. E. Scott	Mrs. J. C. Gudley	Wm. Key	S. L. Bates	Lumberton	200 10 30
Sandersville			Dr. L. L. Polk	J. H. Moffit	Orvisburg	189 54
Sidell			W. L. Thanes	Mattie Carr	Purvis	73 4
Saucier			W. M. Bostick	Poplarville	Purvis	80 20 15 00
So. So.			C. M. Liddle	Wm. Frest	Sandersville	150 19 40 60
West Laurel	Mrs. M. C. Martin		S. S. Taylor	W. A. Martin	Sidell, La.	40 4 2
Zion Hill			E. A. Denson	J. A. Valentine	Saucier	39 7 13
Wiggins	Mrs. J. B. Dossett	Mrs. W. R. Dale	Mrs. P. M. McDonald	W. O. Hedgepeth	So. So.	50 100 4 27
			Mrs. J. Pack	Mrs. Hedgepeth	Laurel	141 9 45 58 18
			L. L. Davis	Hollie Davis	Hattiesburg	152 10 13 62 64
			Russ Davis	Wiggins		1948 124 221 \$ 679 49
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Dec. 1897	Purvis.....	"	"	L. E. Hall.....	1421	5380	16
Sept. 1898	Shady Grove.....	"	"	O. D. Bowen.....	1624	6345	89
Sept. 1899	Eastabutchie.....	"	"	J. R. Farish.....	1746	7085	75
Aug. 1900	Hattiesburg.....	"	"	W. A. Roper.....	1841	10689	95
Aug. 1901	Lumberton.....	"	"	J. N. McMillin.....	1909	18473	82
Sept. 1902	Laurel.....	"	"	J. T. Dale.....	2575	28853	31
Sept. 1903	McHenry.....	"	B. C. Cox.....	I. P. Trotter.....	2761	19112	90
Nov. 1904	Ellisville.....	"	W. K. Red.....	J. P. Culpepper.....	3241	28870	32

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WE HAVE been informed that there are Baptist Sunday schools which have yielded the solicitations, personal and otherwise, of an undenominational publishing house, and which are taking, in whole or in part, the literature of that house in preference to the literature of their own Publication Society. In view of this information we desire to put the question, *Is it wise?* to pastors, Sunday school officers and teachers who may have been thus influenced.

Is it wise to put into the hands of Baptists children and youth a literature which in some parts is largely sensational, in other parts directly opposed to Baptist teaching, and in no part clearly and positively declarative of our distinctive denominational views? What sort of Baptists will the next generation be if the youth of this generation are brought up on a mixture of negative or an essentially Pedobaptist literature and are never taught in the Sunday school the truths for which our fathers were ready to suffer and which form the only ground for denominational existence? And how are young people to be brought to Christ and developed into stalwart Christians, if the aim in the literature employed is mainly to gratify a craving against errors in doctrine and life?

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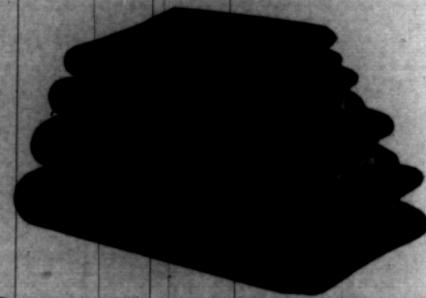
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### Eleventh Annual Session

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## Lebanon Baptist Association

AT

HATTIESBURG, MISS.,

November 1st and 2nd, 1905.

#### OFFICERS:

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W. K. RED,

Moderator  
Clerk and Treasurer

The next meeting of the Association will be held with the Wiggins  
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## CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. The name of this Association shall be the LEBANON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ART. 2. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, and a Clerk, who shall also be ex-officio Treasurer. They shall be elected annually by ballot and hold their offices until their successors are elected.

ART. 3. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of the Redeemer's kingdom by the concentration of Christian labor, inculcation of Bible truth, and the cultivation of friendly intercourse among the churches.

ART. 4. Members of the Association may be of two classes, viz: Male delegates and messengers, who shall produce evidence of their appointment by the churches which they propose to represent, before being entitled to seats. Only the delegates shall have the right to vote.

ART. 5. Each church belonging to the Association shall be entitled to two delegates until its membership shall exceed fifty, and one additional delegate for each additional fifty or fractional part thereof; provided, that ministers who are members of such churches, but supply other pulpits, may be appointed as additional delegates to the regular quota.

ART. 6. This Association shall only have the power of an advisory council and shall in no wise infringe upon the rights or independence of the churches.

ART. 7. No queries shall be considered by the Association unless regularly sent up through the churches, and such queries shall embrace only questions of doctrine.

ART. 8. The Association shall meet annually as may be agreed upon, and after enrolling the names of the delegates, proceed by ballot to the election of a Moderator, and a Clerk who shall be ex-officio Treasurer of the Association.

ART. 9. The duties of the various officers of the Association shall be similar to those of all deliberative bodies, and Mell's Parliamentary Manual shall be the basis of all decisions of order.

ART. 10. Churches holding the Articles of Faith adopted by this body, may become members of this Association by a unanimous vote, and letters of dismission may be obtained without assigning a reason therefor, by the concurrence of a majority present, while the Association retains the right of withdrawing from such churches as it shall deem heterodox or disorderly.

ART. 11. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a three-fourths vote of the delegates present.

### Articles of Faith.

1. We believe in one God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost—equal in power and glory.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old Testament and the New were written by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, of total depravity, and man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4. We believe that God chose His people, in Christ, before the foundation of the world, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth; and as He has commanded it to be preached to every creature, all are required to obey.

7. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and the only evidence of justification; and that all believers will abound therein from a principle of love.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the just and the unjust, and the general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that a visible Church of Christ is composed of baptized believers only, who have covenanted to keep up a discipline agreeable to the rules of the New Testament Scriptures.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only lawgiver of His Church and that the government is with the Church, each member have equal rights therein.

11. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the only ordinances of the Church, and are to be continued until the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

12. We believe that immersion only is Baptism, and can be administered only by those duly authorized by the Church, and that only believers in Christ are the proper subjects of the ordinance.

13. We believe that regularly Baptized believers only have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

14. We believe that the Churches compose Christ's visible kingdom on the earth, and they are independent of each other; choosing their own bishops, and other executive officers, none of whom may lord it over God's heritage.

#### Rules of Decorum.

1. All meetings of the Association shall be opened with prayer and close with prayer or benediction.

2. The first order of business shall be the calling of the roll of the churches comprising the same and the enrollment of delegates representing them.

3. No delegates can be enrolled until they furnish evidence in writing from the church which they propose to represent, which evidence shall be submitted to the Clerk.

4. No business shall be discussed by the body unless it shall have been brought up before it by a motion sustained by a second.

5. No member shall be allowed to speak but once on the same subject, except by permission.

6. The Moderator may correct any speaker for misquotation, personal reflection, or indiscreet language.

7. Any member feeling himself aggrieved by the ruling of the Moderator may appeal to the Association, when, if it be sustained by a two-thirds vote, the Moderator's ruling shall be reversed.

8. All members shall use the term "Brother," when addressing or speaking of each other; and any one failing to observe this rule subjects himself to a reprimand by the Moderator.

9. Any or all of the rules may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds majority vote.

## PROCEEDINGS.

### FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

HATTIESBURG, Miss., Nov. 1, 1905.

The Lebanon Association met in the Columbia Street Baptist Church at 11 o'clock a. m., and was called to order by the Clerk. The Moderator, Bro. O. D. Bowen, having moved into the Gulf Coast Association, was not present. Bro. I. P. Trotter was elected Moderator pro tem. Bro. A. L. O'Bryant conducted the devotional exercises. Prayer by Bro. J. P. Culpepper.

Brethren T. W. Pylant, W. S. Allan, W. W. Mitchel were appointed as a committee on Digest of Letters. The Committee on Digest of Letters having made a report of the delegates present, the Moderator declared the Association in order to elect the officers. The election resulted in Brethren I. P. Trotter as Moderator, and W. K. Red, Clerk.

The Moderator then appointed Brethren L. E. Lightsey, and H.

C. Taylor as a finance committee.

By motion, the time of meeting was fixed as follows: Meet at 9 a. m., adjourn at 12 m.; meet at 2 p. m., adjourn at 5 p. m., meet at 7 p. m., adjourn at pleasure.

Bro. J. L. Lowe, our appointee to preach the Associational Sermon, not being present, also Bro. J. E. Phillips, his alternate being absent, Bro. G. L. Gates, of Laurel, was elected to preach the sermon at 7:30 p. m. The Association then adjourned till 2 p. m. Closing prayer by Bro. A. P. Pugh.

#### Report of Committee on Digest of Letters.

The enrollment showed the following churches represented by delegates and messengers:

Big Level—J. H. Miles, Malone Breland, R. W. Hatton.

Bond—S. M. Bond.

Brooklyn—By Letter.

Corinth—B. M. Morgan, D. M. McCurdy.

Columbia Street—M. J. Derrick, A. F. Schwartz, F. F. Phillips, W.

K. Red, T. B. Wright, A. J. Rogers, J. C. Ballard.

Eastabutchie—By Letter.

Ellisville—A. P. Pugh, M. G. Turner, T. J. Hardy, J. F. Parker.

Epps—Not represented.

Fairfield—J. C. Watkins.

Hattiesburg, 1st Church—I. P. Trotter, W. P. Smith, J. W. O'Bryant, A. Polk, R. B. Stapleton, W. L. Pack, W. E. Neal.

West Laurel—R. D. Mann, J. Sumrall, T. W. Hall, Jr.

Heidelberg—L. E. Lightsey.

Indian Springs—J. W. Chatham.

Laurel, 1st Church—L. G. Gates, P. E. Phillips, J. A. Pack.

Lumberton—W. S. Allen.

Orvisburg—N. S. Herndon, J. A. Underwood.

Perkinson—R. N. Davis.

Purvis—T. W. Pylant, T. W. Davis.

Poplarville—J. P. Culpepper, J. H. Caver, W. W. Mitchell, H. K.

Rouse.

Sandersville—By Letter.

Sardis—Not represented.

Slidell—F. A. Bourgeois.

Sumrall—O. A. Hagler, J. W. Shanks.

Wiggins—W. B. Holcomb, H. C. Taylor, J. W. Day, Wiggins Hat-

ton, E. I. Bailey, J. M. Price, T. B. O'Neal.

Wingate—G. T. Dennis, W. R. Hinton.

Vernon—Wm. Hosey.

Zion Hill—A. C. Gay, R. D. Smith.

## AFTERNOON SESSION:

The Association was called to order at 2 p. m. by the Moderator. The devotional exercises were conducted by I. A. Hailey, of Mt. Olive. After reading John 15, prayer by Bro. Hailey.

The Moderator then made a report on committees.

Petitionary letters were then called for. The brethren from Win-gate Baptist church then presented their letter and were received into our body.

Visiting brethren were then invited to seats with us and the following names were enrolled: Brethren J. E. Davis, A. A. Bryant, D. C. Rawles, J. A. Johnson, I. A. Hailey, all Pearl Leaf Association, Bro. L. G. Varnado, of Hobolochitto Association, Bro. A. L. O'Bryant, of Strong River Association.

The Committee on Digest of Letters then made a partial report. By motion, Phaltai, Lacy and Nicholson were dropped from the roll of churches, as the former has joined Chickasahay Association and the others have dissolved. The Treasurer's report was then read and adopted.

## Treasurer's Report.

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Nov. 3.	To cash received from the Finance Committee	\$ 158 96
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West Laurel	1 05
Ellisville	3 00
Sandersville	2 00
Eastabutchie	2 00
Lumberton	2 00
Purvis	2 00
Poplarville	1 50

Total amount of cash received	\$ 205 01
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Check to A. V. Rowe for Missions and Orphans	\$ 87 40
Check to Mrs. E. V. Clark for Woman's Work	5 00
Check to B. C. Cox, balance due Treasurer	90
Check to J. D. Richardson, printing minutes S. S. Prog.	33 90
Check to M. J. Derrick to pay expenses to S. B. Conv'n	32 55
Check to Clerk	25 00
Check to stamps and stationery, letter blanks	3 82

Total amount paid out	\$ 188 57
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The report on Sustentation was then read by Bro. L. E. Lightsey and discussed by him. Amendments to the report were then offered by A. P. Pugh and W. K. Red. After a discussion by Brethren T. J. Hardy, A. P. Pugh, I. A. Hailey, D. C. Rawles, A. J. Rogers, J. P. Culpepper, M. J. Derrick the report was adopted as amended.

## Report on Sustentation.

Your committee on Sustentation submit the following: We are glad to note that much good is being done in helping the poor whom

our Lord says, "Ye have with you always." If we would be true followers of Him who while on earth went about doing good, we must copy his example. Let us do good unto all men especially unto them who are of the household of faith. We should, by all means, see that ministers of the gospel who have faithfully given the cream of their lives to the work of their Master, and are now no longer able to support themselves and their families, are supported. We urge that the especial attention of the church of this Association be called to this important work and that we request the pastor of each church to urge a collection for it at least once a year. We also recommend that the State Convention appoint a committee annually whose duty shall be, 1st: To ascertain the amount required for an adequate support of our aged ministers and their families and their widows and report the same. 2nd, That they request each Association to raise its apportionment of the required amount. We further recommend that our Moderator be appointed to present these recommendations to the State Convention at its next session.

L. E. LIGHTSEY,  
J. H. CAVER,  
S. M. BOND,  
Committee.

The report on the Orphanage was then read by Bro. M. J. Derrick. After a discussion by Brethren M. J. Derrick, J. A. Johnston and W. B. Holcomb, the report was adopted.

Report on "The Orphanage."

We have an institution located at Jackson, Mississippi, known as the "Baptist Orphanage." It is only about ten years old. The Lord has blessed us in this work beyond any one's expectation. The work of caring for the orphan children is one of the noblest things our God has ever committed to mortal man.

We began this work in a very small way in rented rooms in town, having but few children and less means. We now have one hundred children and fine property. Our property consists of one hundred and twelve acres of land, splendid buildings, stock, etc. It is easily worth sixty to seventy thousand dollars. The citizens of the community have located a public school in the neighborhood—the building being on the orphanage grounds. Eighty-five of our children are in this school and doing well. Brother Carter has, with the work of these boys, raised corn, potatoes and vegetables to supply the institution.

The Christian influence is very fine. Our Superintendent, together with Bro. Luther Holcomb, held a meeting in which a number were converted and joined the Baptist churches of the city. The current receipts have been sufficient to pay running expenses. The new building for the boys is now completed, and is a splendid one. There is a debt of about six thousand dollars on it.

The needs of the institution grow larger as we enlarge our work. These children have to be fed, clothed and schooled. This need rests upon the hearts of God's people, just where it ought to rest. Your committee wishes to suggest that the interest of this cause be more and more placed on the hearts of all our people. In order to do this, let the pastors lead the people to see the needs of this work; and that all interested persons see that they interest someone else.

We desire to recommend, first, that each church in this Association, through some of its departments, contribute monthly to the running expenses. 2nd. That in November, or at such time as may be most convenient, each church make a special effort to raise this debt on the new building. 3rd. Each church or a group of churches take the

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Signed,

M. J. DERRICK,  
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A. C. GAY,  
J. M. PRICE.

The Moderator then appointed other committees. The Association then adjourned till 7 p. m. Benediction by Bro. W. B. Holcomb.

**Committees.**

Sustentation—L. E. Lightsey, J. H. Caver, S. M. Bond.

Education—A. P. Pugh, W. S. Allen, F. F. Phillips, Wiggins Hat-ton.

Woman's Work—W. B. Holcomb, H. C. Taylor, P. E. Phillips, C. E. Thomas.

Orphan's Home—M. J. Derrick, N. S. Herndon, A. C. Gay, J. M. Price.

Temperance—J. P. Culpepper, F. A. Bourgeois, T. B. Wright, J. R. Davis.

State of Ohurches—R. D. Maum, Frank Parker, Ben Morgan, A. J. Rogers.

Sunday Schools—J. C. Ballard, J. C. Watkins, Robt. Smith, T. W. Davis.

Publications—I. P. Trotter, W. W. Mitchell, M. M. Breland, E. I. Bailey.

Nominations—H. K. Rouse, T. W. Hall, Jr., M. G. Turner, E. I. Bailey.

**NIGHT SESSION.**

The Association was called to order at 7 p. m., and after song service and prayer by W. S. Allan, the Associational sermon was preached by Bro. L. G. Gates. Text: Joshua 13:1. Prayer by Bro. O'Bryant.

The Moderator then announced the committee on nominations. By motion, the Association adjourned till 9 a. m. Benediction by W. B. Holcomb.

**SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.**

Nov. 2, 9 a. m., the Association was called to order by the Clerk, the Moderator being absent. Bro. I. A. Hailey was appointed to act as Mod-erator pro tem. Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. R. D. Maum. After song service and reading the Scriptures, the Association was led in prayer by Brethren Allan Maum and Rawles. Minutes of the preceding day's session were read and approved.

The names of the following visiting brethren were then enrolled: A. V. Rowe, Corresponding Secretary, J. E. Byrd, our S. S. Missionary, W. I. Williams, Moderator of Hobolochitto Association.

Slidell church was granted a letter of dismission by request.

By motion, the action of preceding day's session with regard to drop-ping Lacy, was rescinded and Lacy was re-enrolled as a member with us.

The report on Woman's Work was then read by Bro. W. B. Holcomb, after a discussion by Brethren W. B. Holcomb, M. J. Derrick, L. G. Gates and T. J. Bailey.

**Women's Work.**

We are pleased to note that the women's organized work does not meet with opposition among our churches now, but with much encour-agement from pastors and leaders of our work. The good women of our state contributed last year for all purposes \$13,525.41. (See Convention Minutes, page 61.). We recommend that the women of our churches

make a contribution for State, Home and Foreign Missions next year. We also recommend that the women of each society try to enlist the girls who belong to our churches in the work of giving and to the study of God's Word.

Yours respectfully,

W. B. HOLCOMB.

It was ordered by the Executive Committee that Sister E. V. Clark continue as Vice-President of Women's Work and that she be allowed \$5.00 to cover the expenses of said work.

The report on Nominations was read by Bro. H. K. Rouse. After a general discussion it was amended, then adopted.

#### Nominations.

The committee on Nominations beg leave to submit the following recommendations: That the next session of this body be held with the Wiggins Baptist church, Wednesday before the 1st Sunday in November at 11 o'clock a. m., and that Bro. W. S. Allen preach the Associational sermon, and Bro. I. P. Trotter his alternate. We recommend Bro. J. P. Culpepper as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention and L. G. Gates his alternate. As delegates to the Baptist State Convention, Ben Morgan, M. G. Turner, W. I. Thames, T. J. Hardy, A. N. Pugh, W. K. Red, W. B. Holcomb, M. J. Derrick.

Respectfully submitted,

H. K. ROUSE, Ch'n,  
T. W. HALL, JR.,  
M. G. TURNER,  
E. I. BAILEY.

Executive Committee—I. P. Trotter, Chairman; F. F. Phillips, T. S. Jackson, L. G. Gates, T. J. Hardy.

The report on Temperance was then read by Bro. J. P. Culpepper. After a discussion by brethren J. P. Culpepper, J. E. Byrd, — Varnado, I. P. Trotter, W. K. Red, A. V. Rowe, I. A. Hailey. It was then amended and adopted.

#### Temperance.

Your committee would report the following: We need not dwell too much on the evil side of the subject. It is too well known. There has been no material progress made this year in gaining prohibition territory. The fight has been to destroy what is known as the "Blind Tiger." Some ground has been gained in this fight. Towns will be done with the blind tiger when the best people unite themselves to put it down. We must get our officers to enforce the laws. The charge has been made against the officers in some places that they are in sympathy with the blind tiger. The full penalty of the law enforced would check it if not rid us of this evil. Your committee thinks we must look to state prohibition as the final relief. We, as Christian men, must elect men who are on the right side of this question. If we fail at first, let it only inspire us to make greater efforts and keep at it till we succeed. While we pray let us work. Let us teach the doctrine of total abstinence in our homes, Sunday-schools and from our pulpits, and the battle against this monster evil will be won for the right.

F. A. BOURGEOIS,  
J. P. CULPEPPER.

The report on Publications was then read by Bro. I. P. Trotter. After a discussion by brethren I. P. Trotter, A. P. Pugh, A. V. Rowe, I. A. Hailey, W. H. Boone and T. J. Bailey, the report was then adopted. The Association then adjourned till 2 p. m. Prayer by Bro. W. H. Boone.

**Publications.**

A person's character may generally be learned from the character of his reading. A book or a paper is a companion, and a man is known by the company he keeps. Good books and papers help while others hinder man's intellectual and moral progress. We can not too earnestly urge the reading of God's Word. Through the Bible God talks to us. Every day we need to talk to God in prayer and have Him talk to us in His Book. We would earnestly urge the daily reading of the good Book.

Of our own publication that we desire to commend, we mention the following: The Baptist, The Foreign Mission Journal, Our Home Field, The Orphanage Gem, and our Sunday-school literature, published at Nashville, Tenn. We desire to call particular attention to The Baptist, which makes its weekly visit to the homes of thousands of our people. There is no paper published that can take the place of The Baptist in our homes. There is no weekly that can accomplish so much good. It comes to us freighted with news that, as Baptists, we need to get.

We ask that pastors in this Association constitute themselves as special agents for the paper, urging their people from the pulpit and privately to subscribe for it and read it.

Respectfully submitted,

I. P. TROTTER, Ch'n,  
M. M. BRELAND,  
E. I. BAILEY.

**EVENING SESSION.**

The Association was called to order by the Moderator at 2 p. m. Bro. R. N. Davis conducted the devotional exercises. After song service and reading 1st Cor. 13, all were led in prayer by Bro. Davis. A petitionary letter was then presented by the church at Sumrall and received visiting brethren from Pearl Leaf Association: T. E. H. Robinson, W. J. Mixon, Wm. F. Jones.

The report on Digest of Letters was then presented by W. S. Allan and received. A motion to do away with the annual committee on Digest of Letters and to return to the old method of reading letters was passed. The report on State of Churches was then presented by Bro. R. D. Maum. By motion, the report was recommitted to the committee.

The report on Education was then read by Bro. A. P. Pugh. After a discussion by brethren Pugh, Derrick, Bailey, Hailey and Byrd the report was adopted.

**Education.**

Education in every respect is vastly important. We cannot take too high ground in advocating and advancing an efficient public school system. But it is with Christian education as fostered by Baptists, that we are especially concerned. Mississippi College is progressing well with hopes of larger usefulness. We note with pleasure the efforts to raise \$100,000 additional for building purposes. This Association invites our worthy President, Dr. W. T. Lowry, or any agent of the College to visit our churches in the interest of the new enterprise, and urge a response to his request for means. The various female colleges, as Blue Mountain and Hillman, are moving up with enviable success. Our Seminary, for the training of young ministers is more prosperous than ever in its history. We note that 15 students from Mississippi were in attendance last session. All hail to every institution that has for its end the training of the mind for righteousness.

A. P. PUGH,  
F. F. PHILLIPS,  
W. S. ALLEN,  
WIGGINS HATTEN.

The report on State of Churches was again presented and then adopted.

**State of Churches.**

Your committee on State of Churches find that during the year over \$22,000 have been given to all purposes. This is several thousand short of last year's report, but it is owing to the fact that several churches built new houses of worship and several pastor's homes last year. The amounts given to Missions are much larger this year than ever before. We note with pleasure that we are giving to a larger number of the objects fostered by our denomination, and more of our people are giving to these objects. The increased interest in missions and the increase of membership indicate to us that our churches are prosperous in the things that are essential. However, the advance is not great enough. We should enlarge on every line of the Master's work. Only in this way can we hold what the Lord has so graciously given to us.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. MAUM,  
B. M. MORGAN,  
A. J. ROGERS,  
J. F. PARKER,  
Committee.

The report on Sunday-schools was then read by Bro. J. C. Ballard. After a discussion by Byrd it was adopted. The Association then adjourned till 7 p. m. Prayer by Bro. Gates.

**The Beginning and Growth of Sunday-School Work.**

The wonderful success that is being accomplished in the Christian churches today must be attributed to the working along two main lines, namely: Preaching and teaching. There is no clear distinction between these two heads. The successful pastor must not only be an instructor but also a public proclaimor. It is true, however, that we have some preachers who are not teachers. Teaching is causing another to know; preaching is the making of a public proclamation which may or may not be teaching.

These two lines of work have gone hand in hand since God's Word was first given to the world. Christ was the first and greatest teacher of modern Christianity. He planned and began the great work which was passed to the shoulders of the Twelve and on down through the ages to us. A teacher of God's Word may or may not be a preacher. Robert Raikes was not a preacher, yet he was the founder of the modern Sunday-school. At first the teachers were paid, but as far back as 1785 the volunteer movement began and with it increased demand for new Sunday-schools. To meet this demand some organizations were effected: The first of these was the London Sunday-school Union, organized in 1803. A few years later similar unions were organized in the larger cities of America, and out of these grew the American Sunday School Union in Philadelphia in 1824. The Foreign Sunday School Association of America was next formed, the purpose of which was to promote Sunday School work in foreign lands. We come now to

**DENOMINATIONAL AGENCIES,**

composed of (1) The American Baptist Publication Society; (2) The New England Baptist Sunday School Union; (3) National Convention; (4) The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, with the duties of each you are familiar.

Some of the characteristics of a well organized Sunday School are: (1) It should be controlled by the church; (2) It should reach as many

people as possible; (3) It should be well classified; (4) The officers should be efficient; (5) The teachers should be well trained - not necessarily well educated; (6) Good music is a mark of a well organized Sunday School; (7) Appliances in a sufficient quantity will help to make a good Sunday School; (8) The teaching of the lesson be impressed.

Our lamps are now trimmed and burning. How are we to fill the Sunday School? (1) Go after them. How? Systematically. Select a day for a house-to-house canvass. Divide the territory into districts and secure volunteers and furnish them with record cards with the name, address, church membership, attend Sunday School, and church preference on each card and have them make a record while at their homes.

Above all a real first-class Sunday School is better than all of the devices that can be thought of to secure attendance and maintain it. Give each a warm handshake, have interesting exercises, good teaching, follow up the absentee, and live close to God and your efforts will not be in vain.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. BALLARD,  
J. C. WATKINS, Committee.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. The devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. W. S. Allen. After singing, and reading John xvii, all were led in prayer by Bro. A. V. Rowe. The Moderator then read the names of the chairmen of the various committees to report at next session.

**Chairmen for 1905.**

Sustenation—R. D. Mann.  
Education—W. S. Allen.  
Woman's Work—W. K. Red.  
Sunday Schools—T. J. Hardy.  
State of Churches—M. J. Derrick.  
Orphans' Home—J. P. Culpepper.  
Missions—W. B. Holcomb.  
Temperance—L. G. Gates.  
Publications—R. N. Davis.

A motion was made to request the Moderator and Clerk to arrange the apportionment. A motion for the Clerk to have 600 copies of Minutes printed, and that the Clerk be allowed \$25.00 for his services.

The report on Finance was then read by Bro. L. E. Lightsey and adopted.

**Report on Finance.**

Home Missions	\$114.12
State Missions	72.64
Foreign Missions	113.68
Orphanage	
Publishing Minutes	65.31
Total amount received	<hr/> \$365.75
	L. E. LIGHTSEY.

## Apportionment on Missions.

	Total	S. M.	H. M.	F. M.
Big Level	\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Bond	50.00	20.00	15.00	15.00
Brooklyn	25.00	10.00	5.00	10.00
Corinth	25.00	10.00	5.00	10.00
Ellisville	350.00	150.00	100.00	100.00
Epps	20.00	10.00	5.00	5.00
Eastabutchie	60.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
Fairfield	20.00	10.00	5.00	5.00
Hattiesburg, 1s Ch.	1500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Heidelberg	30.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Indian Springs	30.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Laurel, 1s. Ch.	700.00	300.00	200.00	200.00
West Laurel	200.00	80.00	60.00	60.00
Columbia St. Ch.	800.00	300.00	250.00	250.00
Lacy	15.00	7.00	4.00	4.00
Lumberton	250.00	100.00	75.00	75.00
Orvisburg	20.00	10.00	5.00	5.00
Perkinston	30.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Purvis	100.00	40.00	30.00	30.00
Poplarville	400.00	150.00	125.00	125.00
Sandersville	100.00	40.00	30.00	30.00
Soso	20.00	10.00	5.00	5.00
Shady Grove	75.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Sumrall	20.00	10.00	5.00	5.00
Vernon	20.00	10.00	5.00	5.00
Sardis	15.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Wingate	15.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Wiggins	300.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Zion Hill	30.00	10.00	10.00	10.00

The report on Missions was then read by Bro. L. G. Gates. After discussion by Brethren Gates and A. V. Rowe, adopted.

## Missions.

This year has been a remarkable one in many respects. It has given to the world one of the greatest revivals of modern times; it has also witnessed the greatest achievements in modern missions.

Our own denomination has caught the "Forward Movement" and all along the line the command of our blessed Lord is heard above the din of a commercialism which threatens to engulf the church.

Our people are responding to the call for recruits as well as for the means to keep them on the firing line. We have learned not to consult with flesh and blood when souls by the millions are going into eternity without the gospel. Our fathers heard the call and blazed the forests in lands of darkness, and, guided by wisdom gained by waiting at the throne, they formed a basis from which we can operate.

God is calling yet. Listen! "Lift up your eyes and look upon the fields already white unto harvest." And, when we have seen the harvest, He expects us to put forth the scythe and reap for eternity. Yes, He has said "Go," and that is a command not only to the church as a whole, but to each and every individual member. And in that prayer for his disciples he said: "Father, as thou hast missioned me so have I also missioned them." Is it not enough to know that our Master wants us to do as He has said?

Our Foreign Mission work is growing; new houses of worship are springing up in Pagan and Papal lands; men and women are offering themselves for services at the call of Christ.

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front; God has wonderfully blessed us in the home land. Last year, in the fourteen states composing the Southern Baptist Convention, there were 72,506 added to the church by baptism, but still we need more men and money, and there is a place in the ranks for you.

Our success depends first upon Christ and then upon the base from which we operate, and that is the State Mission work. The work in the state is prospering under God, but we are not doing for state missions what we ought, and in the years to come we will be crippled in our mission work if we do not fortify the base. Let us see to it that this part of our work grows proportionally with the other. God has blessed us, and will bless us if we will do His bidding.

Respectfully submitted,

L. G. GATES,  
W. C. HEDGEPATH,  
R. W. HATTEN.

**Resolution.**

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be most heartily extended to the pastor and church of Columbia Street Church and to the community generally for the very kind hospitality extended us. Also that we thank the Presbyterian church for the use of their house of worship for our W. M. U. C.

Respectfully,

A. P. PUGH.

By motion, the Association adjourned to meet with the Wiggins Church on Wednesday at 11 a. m., before the 1st Sunday in November, 1906.

**Woman's Missionary Society.**

(Published by order of Executive Committee.)

The Woman's meeting, auxiliary to Lebanon Association, met in the Presbyterian church with a larger attendance than we had ever had.

Mrs. Barton, President of the Ladies' Society of Columbia St. Church, conducted devotional exercises and presided over the meeting in the absence of our beloved Vice-President, Mrs. E. V. Clark.

The following societies reported good work done the past year: Hattiesburg, 1st Church, and Columbia street; Laurel, 1st Church, West Laurel; Ellisville, Bond and Purvis. The questions discussed were Home Missions and The Tichnor Memorial Fund, a collection of \$18.00 being taken for the latter. On adjournment the ladies were invited to the home of Mrs. A. A. Montague to an informal reception and to the packing of the mission box.

MRS. STAPLETON, Sec'y.

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### STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 1.

CHURCHES	CLERKS	POST OFFICE	PASTORS	POST OFFICE	Value of Pastors' Homes		Total Membership	Value of Church Property	Additions Lost
					Restored	By Letter			
Big Level	J. E. Breland	Wisdom	H. C. Taylor	Wiggins	25	14	72	\$ 600.00	
Bond	D. A. Scarborough	Board	L. A. Hailey	Mt. Olive	2	6	67	1500.00	
Brooklyn	L. H. Harper	Brooklyn	R. J. O'Bryant	Sumrall	11	12	49	700.00	
Coriatth	Ira Morgan	Sandersville	J. T. Halford	Montrose	13	3	4	600.00	
Columbia Street	N. L. Phillips	Hattiesburg	M. J. Derrick	Hattiesburg	23	82	5	3000.00	
Eastabutchie	H. H. McComb	Eastabutchie	A. P. Pugh	Ellisville	5	2	1	163	
Ellisville	J. B. Gough	Ellisville	A. P. Pugh	Ellisville	16	13	21	4	272
Epps	R. J. Epps	Crosby	R. J. O'Bryant	Epps	3	7	59	3000.00	1200.00
Fairfield	J. C. Watkins	Hattiesburg	A. A. Bryant	Hattiesburg	2	3	57	500.00	
Hattiesburg, 1st	E. N. Pack	Hattiesburg	L. P. Trotter	Hattiesburg	25	89	1	83	7
Heidelberg	H. M. Satcher	Heidelberg	L. E. Lightsey	Sandersville	1	16	4	600	2000.00
Indian Springs	F. T. Barnett	Goodluck	J. A. Johnston	Harry	4	5	1	7	2
Laurel, 1st	W. J. Hurst	Laurel	L. G. Gates	Laurel	32	35	1	33	5
Lumberton	J. B. Salmond	Lumberton	W. S. Allen	Lambertou	4	16	19	72	85
Orvisburg	J. W. Bounds	Orvisburg	J. P. Cuipper	Poplarville	2	5	4	44	
Perkinston	R. M. Breland	Perkinston	R. N. Davis	Perkinston	3	3	5	56	
Purvis	T. W. Davis	Purvis	W. K. Red	Hattiesburg	5	10	4	10	2
Poplarville	W. I. Thamas	Poplarville	J. P. Cuipper	Poplarville	65	36	24	10	315
Sandersville	A. McDaniel	Sandersville	A. P. Pugh	Ellisville	3	8	1	92	1200.00
Sardis	Mahned	Slidell, La.	O. D. Bowen	Handsboro	1	2	12	12	
So So	Lee Denison	So So	L. D. Bassett	Handsboro	2	2	75	1000.00	
Shady Grove	J. A. Lyon	Heidelberg	L. E. Hall	Scranton	21	2	82	750.00	
Vernon	B. F. Hosey	Vernon	T. J. Waldrop	Vernon	2	1	29	300.00	
West Laurel	M. C. Martin	Laurel	R. D. <del>Waldrop</del>	Laurel	21	27	1	10	5
Wiggins	R. W. Hall	Wiggins	W. B. Holcomb	Wiggins	33	18	7	4	229
Zion Hill	H. E. Clark	Hattiesburg	L. E. Hall	Scranton	2	2	1	53	228
Lacy	W. L. Scott	Sumrall	J. E. Davis	Heckia	1	14	1	15	17
Samrall	G. T. Dennis	Wingate	R. J. O'Bryant	Sumrall	3	6	3	500.00	500.00
Wingate					294	428	8	260	\$ 11900.00
Total								4585	\$ 54050.00

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**STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 2.**

CHURCHES	Total		
	Big Level Bond	4 50 \$	31 35 \$
Brooklyn .....	247 00	9 90	8 55
Corinth .....	75 00	16 35	22 53
Columbia Street .....	100 00	8 90	6 50
Eastabutchie .....	800 00	151 90	87 75
Ellisville .....	200 00	12 75	40 00
Fairfield .....	600 00	100 00	116 00
Hattiesburg, 1st .....	60 00	5 05	4 00
Heidelberg .....	1500 00	380 55	315 55
Indian Springs .....	55 00	8 50	8 48
Laurel, 1st .....	100 00	1 70	1 46
Lumberton .....	1200 00	147 50	307 00
Orvisburg .....	800 00	30 00	115 00
Perkinston .....	150 00	10 00	45 30
Purvis .....	51 47	4 75	4 00
Poplarville .....	500 00	44 60	41 60
Sandersville .....	1000 00	75 00	115 35
Slidell .....	200 00	24 50	27 10
Shady Grove .....	326 40	9 70	42 00
Vernon .....	200 00	22 00	13 50
West Laurel .....	600 00	103 55	5 00
Wiggins .....	600 00	142 00	20 00
Zions Hill .....	133 00	8 00	7 25
Sumrall .....	60 00	2 00	6 92
Wingate .....			73 00
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## LADIES' MISSION SOCIETIES.

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS	SECRETARIES	
		Mrs M S Carothers	Mrs J R Davis.....
Bond .....	Mrs R F Barton ..	Mrs W W Crawford	
Brooklyn .....	Mrs R F Barton ..	Mrs W W Crawford	
Columbia Street .....			
Eastabatchie .....			
Fairfield .....	Mrs R B Stapleton ..	Mrs L McElecath ..	
Hattiesburg, 1st .....	Mrs J B Jarvis ..	Mrs W L Abbot ..	
Indian Springs .....	Mrs Love ..	Mrs W S Allen ..	
Laurel, 1st .....			
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West Laurel .....	Mrs M C Martin ..	Mrs W O Hedgpeth ..	
Wiggins .....	Mrs Adie Dossett ..	Mrs W R Date ..	
Zions Hill .....			
Ellisville .....			

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORY.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORY.

SUPERINTENDENTS	SECRETARIES	POST OFFICE	Expenses	
			Baptized	Teachers
D A Scarborough	J R Davis	Bond	75	4
C W Ballinger	Mrs W H Hall	Brooklyn	40	4
J C Ballard	J W Montague	Hattiesburg	116	10
B A Short	J S McNeal	Eastabatchie	75	6
S B Stringer	Miss Clara Patrick	Crosby	20	3
W M Conner	Chas Hightower	Hattiesburg	450	30
J W Chatham	Miss Jennie Carter	Goodluck	30	3
J S Love	J L Williams	Laurel	200	12
W R Smith	Miss Nettie Morris	Lumberton	110	6
Tell Martial	S L Bates	Lumberton	35	5
L L Polk	Miss Eva Davis	Perkinston	25	3
W I Thames	J H Moffett	Purvis	80	5
W W Bostic	Miss Mattie Caver	Poplarville	225	9
J F Polk	A McDaniel	Sandersville	40	3
W O Hedgpeth	W A Martin	Slidell, La	65	7
L L Davis	M C Martin	Laurel	217	8
W J Pack		Wiggins	140	7
G Montgomery	Ed Shoemaker	Hattiesburg	23	7
		Ellisville	100	9
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**LEBANON ASSOCIATION.**

DATE	PLACE	MODERATOR	CLERK AND TREASURER	PREACHER	TOTAL CONTRI- BUTIONS	Members	
Nov. 1894.	Hattiesburg.	O. D. Bowen	Chas. G. Elliott	J. A. Hackett	1131		
Sept. 1895.	Poplarville	"	"	Chas. G. Elliott	1183		
Sept. 1896.	Ellisville	"	"	W. B. Holecomb	1356		
Dec. 1897.	Purvis	"	"	L. E. Hall	4112	78	
Sept. 1898.	Shady Grove.	"	"	O. D. Bowen	1421		
Sept. 1899.	Eastabutchie.	"	"	J. R. Farish	1624	16	
Aug. 1900.	Hattiesburg	"	"	W. P. Roper	1746	89	
Aug. 1901.	Lumberton.	"	"	J. N. McMillin	1841	95	
Sept. 1902.	Laurel.	"	"	J. T. Dale	1847	82	
Sept. 1903.	McHenry	"	"	I. P. Trotter	2575	31	
Nov. 1904.	Ellisville	"	"	J. P. Culpeper	2761	90	
Nov. 1905.	Hattiesburg	"	"	L. G. Gates	3241	32	
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Is it wise to put into the hands of Baptist children and youth a literature which in some parts is largely sensational, in other parts directly opposed to Baptist teaching, and in no part clearly and positively declarative of our distinctive denominational views? What sort of Baptists will the next generation be if the youth of this generation are brought up on a mainly negative or an essentially Pedobaptist literature, and are never taught in the Sunday school the truths for which our fathers were ready to suffer and which form the only ground for denominational existence? And how are young people to be brought to Christ and developed into stalwart Christians, if the aim in the literature employed is mainly to gratify a craving for the sensational and not to instruct and fortify against errors in doctrine and life?

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